

PATENT

Group VIII: claims 28-32, and 46, drawn to oligonucleotide arrays containing combinations of oligonucleotides; classified in class 536, subclass 24.3.

RESPONSE

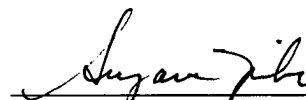
Applicants respectfully elect **Group I** (*i.e.*, claims 1-9 and 33) for further prosecution, *without traverse*.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicants' amendments or response, (s)he is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (202) 842-8821. Please direct all correspondence to the below-listed address.

In the event that the Office believes that there are fees outstanding in the above-referenced matter and for purposes of maintaining pendency of the application, the Office is authorized to charge the outstanding fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. The Office is likewise authorized to credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account Number. The undersigned is signing in her authority under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(b).

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Respectfully submitted,



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